

September 2002 NEWSLETTER

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Burgeoning Blossoms Greetings:

We hope you're all enjoying the last month of summer--expecting last-minute great blooms with the rain we're finally having, as I write this. But it will be a lovely evening Monday, September 23rd when you go to RVAA's first meeting of the season, 7:30 pm, at the Somerset County Library. Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle has arranged for the renowned artist S. Allyn Schaefer to demonstrate for us. You might know his work from many different shows, as he is proficient in several media, and his nationally awarded work has also been featured in several books. Will he demo in oils? pastels? or? It will be his surprise and our pleasure.

RVAA has three shows upcoming--the first is at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, just off Rt. 22 East. Mary Creasy arranged this for us; some of you might have exhibited in the one she got for us summer of 2001. Some 85 paintings can be hung; there is no entrance fee, but we are to donate 20% of any sales to the hospital. Nudes and dark themes are not encouraged; this is a children's hospital. Delivery is Sat. Nov.2, from 10-11 am; pickup is Sat. Nov. 30, from 10-11. Directions will be available at our Sept. meeting; the number of paintings you may bring will depend on the number of you who give Mary a firm commitment. If you need further information (before 9/23) you may call her at 908/526-4027. We thank Mary for being Exhibit Chairwoman. The other two shows are the Holiday Show & Sale at the Somerset County Library in December and the juried show at the Cultural & Heritage Gallery in Somerville (the Administration Building on Grove Street). We NEED a Chairperson for that one.

Actually, RVAA NEEDS YOUR HELP. This is the last NEWSLETTER that Linda McCausland will be copying out, addressing, and mailing because she is moving now. President Linda Arnold and I were near-ecstatic when Linda took over from Bob Nathen (when he moved). Please call Pres.Linda at 908/647-3610 if you can take over for Linda McCausland. We also need a Hospitality Chairperson to carry the coffeepot to meetings and send a sign-up sheet for goodies around. We need an Exhibit Chair for the March Show; we need someone to get a judge and handle the ribbons so we can have a judged

show again. Debbie Tintle has been Program Chairperson since 1983 (she and John also did the Holiday Show and Presidency for a couple of years); she would "love" to give that job over. (You get to talk to artists all over!) Presently a few people do most of the work, like Debbie, and like Linda, our President, and our Treasurer Marian Cornwell. Diana Patton does the Newsletter and our December Library Show. Doug Axman does the Membership. Rosemary Zangara, our Secretary, does the minutes. We've been fortunate that Mary Creasy is doing the Hospital Show and Debbie Hughes has done the NYC trip and Nona Rutter our annual dinner. That's about 8 or 9 people who are happy to work for the 80 plus members, but we can't do it all, or all the time. Some of us will step down. We have 80 or more members. PLEASE. Do make our Pres's Day a JOLLY one--please phone to volunteer 908/647-3610. Or if you don't call, watch her SMILE at the September meeting when you DO volunteer.

DUES are DUE. Membership Chair Doug Axmann reminds us that September is the beginning of our year--all our great meetings and demos, our annual dinner, bus trip, newsletters, camaraderie, etc. all for \$27. a year single membership; \$33. a year family, and \$15. student (high school or under). This is a slight rise in price, but still under most art associations. Please send check made out to RVAA to Doug Axmann, 25 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ, 08876.

The 6th Annual Paint-Out sponsored by the Pahaquarry Foundation will be held Wednesday, October 2nd from 9-5 (but you can come whenever and paint whatever, any media). This is done on a scenic farm out near Del Water Gap; and continental breakfast and lunch as well, are provided. So you paint at a lovely place and eat, all day for only \$15. President Linda Arnold tells me this is a great thing and that Debbie Tintle and Burt Longenbach are in charge. Burt's at 732/382-5814. Debbie has been sick for 3 weeks, and still is, with pneumonia. Your editor just found out but knows she speaks for all to wish her a speedy recovery.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD has her work juried into the Essex Water Color Club's Exhibition at the Papermill Playhouse, opening September 8th. She also had work juried into "Watercolor LBI" at the Jane Law Gallery on Long Beach Island.

A lovely color postcard of "Paradise" arrived from DOUG AXMANN to announce his one-man show in July/August at the OGGI Gallery/Hair Salon in Brooklyn, New York. The Opening Reception was Saturday, July 20th 7-11 pm.

CAROL STAUB is a Finalist with her work "North Point" in the Experimental Art Category in the ARTIST'S MAGAZINE 2002 Annual Art Competition. She participated in the "4th Annual Bakers Dozen International Collage Exchange"; "Harvest Time" is on permanent website at <http://outofsight.co.nz> and the painting is in the permanent collection of the Internat'l Museum of Collage in Mexico. Two of Carol's paintings were juried into the Boca Raton Museum Artists Guild show "Images August 2002"; her "Merlot" was juried into the RI Watercolor Society's 9th Annual National Watermedia Competition Sept. 22--Oct. 18, 2002, and her work was juried into the 22nd National Show (June 24-July 24) of the Associated Artists of Southport, North Carolina, in the Franklin Square Gallery.

DEBBIE TINTLE has her watercolor work juried into the Essex Water Color Club Exhibition at the Papermill Playhouse, with the Opening Reception September 8th.

With all the upcoming fall shows, I expect to receive a note from YOU. (phone messages not always reliable).

HAPPY PAINTING!

Diana Patton